

Applicants also make the Examiner aware of other subsequently filed U.S. Patent Applications, namely:

- 1) 09/320,296 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,233,608);
- 2) 09/620,654;
- 3) 09/575,901 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,610,105); and
- 4) 10/458,033.

It is submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting has been traversed and that claims 32-48 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. UWP1P036C2).

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